

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1372  
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SALE OF COOPERATIVE WEAVING MILLS  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has sold co-operative weaving mills to the private sector in the country specially in Orissa;
- (b) if so, name and location of those co-operative and public sector weaving mills;
- (c) whether some such weaving mills have been sold to the private sector at throwaway prices;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (e) the steps taken to rehabilitate the workers of such mills?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TEXTILES ( SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA )

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Orissa have decided to sell machinery of only one of the co-operative weaving mills to the private sector. However, the machinery could not be handed over to the party due to a writ petition filed by the Staff Association of the unit before the Hon'ble High Court, Orissa, Cuttack.
- (b) The name and location of the weaving mill is M/s Chhatia Weaving Mills, Chhatia Cuttack.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) The Government of Orissa have introduced a voluntary retirement scheme (VRS) for the staff and workers of the aforesaid unit and 163 staff/workers have taken VRS out of 199 total strength.